

## Pipeline Incidents Messaging and Summary

### Messaging:

- Attacks on pipeline equipment and infrastructure are well-coordinated and well-funded. Perpetrators are often assured of bail and legal representation before disrupting or damaging pipeline infrastructure.
- Often, protestors are not residents of the region, or even the state, where damage is done.
- A million plus pounds of crude oil moving through a pipeline can't be turned off like a faucet without the potential for severe consequences to local communities and the environment.
- North Dakota, South Dakota and Iowa have enacted stiffer penalties for domestic attacks on pipelines and other infrastructure. (List)
- It is expected that Illinois will pass legislation this year with strong bipartisan support. Minnesota is considering legislation. Without stronger enforcement, Wisconsin might become the target state of choice for pipeline disruptions.
- This legislation is a public safety issue.
- Law enforcement costs relative to pipeline incidents are often borne by state and local government.

"Itasca County sheriff's deputies apparently took four activists into custody Monday afternoon after they used bolt cutters to break into an Enbridge pipeline facility."

<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2019/02/04/valve-turners-target-oil-pipeline-equipment-in-itasca-co>

"SB 189 allows the state to sue any individual or organization for "riot boosting" or encouraging a protest where acts of violence occur. That means individuals can now be held criminally or civilly liable even if they "do not personally participate in any riot but directs, advises, encourages, or solicits other persons participating in the riot."

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/south-dakota-pipeline-protest-law-worries-native-american-activists-aclu-n989191>

"When demonstrators clashed with police at the state capitol and a local shopping center, and many North Dakotans viewed their actions as rude. But fewer than 6 percent of those arrested were from North Dakota, according to Morton County Commissioner Cody Schulz."

<https://www.npr.org/2018/11/29/671701019/2-years-after-standing-rock-protests-north-dakota-oil-business-is-booming>

"North Dakota will sue the federal government to try to recoup the \$38 million it spent policing the prolonged protests against the Dakota Access oil pipeline — a tactic one expert believes has little chance of success." <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2019/02/12/north-dakota-to-sue-feds-over-pipeline-protest-police-costs>

"Opponents of pipeline projects have set equipment on fire on at least two instances in Iowa (DAPL)." <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2016/10/17/arsenal-suspected-in-latest-dakota-access-pipeline-fire.html>

"Activists in four states were arrested after they cut padlocks and chains and entered remote flow stations to turn off valves in an attempt to stop crude moving through lines that carry as much as 15 per cent of daily U.S. oil consumption. The group posted videos online showing the early-morning raids."

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/business/pipeline-cutoff-protest-1.3800926>

"Chaining to and graffiti on pipeline equipment – numerous times in WI, MN, IA and ND."

Threats of violence against law enforcement, workers and neighbors.

Protestors attack Michigan Attorney General's home.

Workers threatened on numerous occasions and on numerous projects.

Fires set along route.